

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DATE: April 12, 1977

SUBJECT: Violation of FWPCA Amendments of 1972
Section 311 (b)(6) - Inmont Corp.

FROM: Paul R. Elliot, Chief
Emergency Response Section



TO: Carol Dudnick, Attorney
Water Enforcement Branch

On March 21, 1977, Mr. Wadid Halaka of the Inmont Corporation, 150 Wagaraw Road, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 notified this office that they had a spill of 100 gallons of No. 6 fuel oil into a tributary of the Passaic River. He reported that they had it contained and had engaged a contractor to cleanup.

The answer to our 308 Letter inquiry, attached, disclosed that 400 gallons of No. 6 oil did enter Inmont Creek, a tributary of the Passaic River. Standard Spill, Inc., was hired to effect the cleanup.

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the 3rd U.S. Coast Guard District (mep) for appropriate legal action.

Attachment



Paul



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March 29, 1977

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
Edison, New Jersey 08817

Attn: Mr. William J. Librizzi
Chief, Emergency Response & Inspection Branch

Ref: Your letter dated 3/22/77
Your reference #305-77

Dear Mr. Librizzi:

The following is an answer to your questions listed in your letter reference above:

1. Spillage occurred March 21, 1977 at 1:00 p.m.
2. The material spilled was oil fuel #6.
- 3.(a) The cause of the spill was overflow of fuel because of two safety valves being open.
(b) The source of the overflow was one of the fuel storage tanks.
4. 500 gallons were discharged into the pit around the fuel storage tank, 400 gallons of which were discharged to the Inmont brook.
5. A water pollution control company was called on the scene, Standard Spill, Inc., who vacuumed out about 200 gallons of oil, and our maintenance workers shoveled about 200 gallons of oil from the brook which had already gotten very thick and pasty because of the weather conditions.
6. On March 22, 1977 we cleaned both banks of the brook of any oil spots. We have placed a screen at the end of the brook and have also laid straw and weeds before and after the weir to prevent any oil from going down to the Passaic River. We are going to

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clean the oil spillage in the pit surrounding the storage tank.

This incident was reported to New Jersey Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, and they referred me to the E.P.A. Emergency Response, which in turn referred me to Mr. Elliot with whom I spoke in great detail regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

INMONT CORPORATION

Wadid Halaka

Wadid Halaka
Manager, Engr. & Maint.

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cc: J. Coscia
R. Gasson
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